



Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2853, Expedited Procedure

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAHIKO KUBOTA, et al. ) : Examiner: L. Liang  
Application No.: 10/646,700 ) : Group Art Unit: 2853  
Filed: August 25, 2003 ) :  
For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT, ) :  
INK TANK, INK JET RECORDING ) :  
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH INK ) :  
TANK, LIQUID INFORMATION ) :  
ACQUIRING METHOD AND LIQUID ) :  
PHYSICAL PROPERTY CHANGE ) : December 21, 2006  
DISCRIMINATION METHOD )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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LETTER SUBMITTING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FEE

Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement dated September 29, 2006 which apparently crossed in the mail with a final Office Action dated September 26, 2006. In that Information Disclosure Statement, a certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) was made that the information was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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Since the application has received a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, it is respectfully requested that the Information Disclosure Statement dated September 29, 2006 be treated as a filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). A check for \$180.00, which is the fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for such a submission is attached. Consideration of the art cited therein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

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